AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present Reply, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

The following is a complete listing of the claims:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus capable of sending a message about a schedule to a second information processing apparatus through a communications network, wherein the second information processing apparatus is capable of analyzing the message being received and extracting words or phrases for entering into the schedule managed by a scheduler, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage that stores a group of first data sets in which the words or phrases are matched to respective identifiers, while a second storage in the second information processing apparatus stores a group of second data sets corresponding to words or phrases having the same meanings as the words or phrases matching the respective identifiers of the first data sets;

a word or phrase selector that selects at least one word or phrase from the words or phrases stored in the first storage;

an extractor that extracts a specific identifier corresponding to the selected word or phrase from the first data sets;

a transmitter that transmits the extracted identifier as the message to the second information processing apparatus, wherein the identifier transmitted from the information processing apparatus is converted to a specific word or phrase on the basis of the second data sets stored in the second storage; and

a receiver that receives a message from the second information processing apparatus when a user of the second information processing apparatus has affirmatively accepted the schedule corresponding to the transmitted message,

wherein the words or phrases stored in the first storage are represented by a first natural language, while the words or phrases stored in the second storage are represented by a second natural language that is different from the first natural language, [[and]]

wherein the extracted identifier is stored in a server and sent to the second information processing apparatus in response to the second information processing apparatus receiving information about the message and accessing the server, and

wherein scheduling is automatically performed, in response to an affirmative acceptance of a received message.

Claims 2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the words or phrases of the first and the second storages are grouped into different categories and then stored in the first and the second storages, respectively.

5. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus capable of receiving a message about a schedule from a second information processing apparatus through a communications network, analyzing the message being received, and extracting words or phrases for entering into the schedule managed by a scheduler, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage that stores a group of first data sets in which the words or phrases are matched to respective identifiers, while a second storage in the second information processing apparatus stores a group of second data sets corresponding to words or phrases having the same meanings as the words or phrases matching the respective identifiers of the first data sets;

a converter that converts the message in the form of the identifiers transmitted from the second information processing apparatus to the words or phrases on the basis of the first data sets stored in the first storage;

an entry system that enters the words or phrases converted by the converter into the schedule; and

a returning system that returns a message received from the second information processing apparatus back to the second information processing apparatus when the words or phrases are entered into the scheduler by the entry system, the message return indicating whether a user of the first information processing apparatus has affirmatively accepted the schedule corresponding to the transmitted message;

wherein the words or phrases stored in the first storage are represented by a first natural language, while the words or phrases stored in the second storage are represented by a second natural language that is different from the first natural language, [[and]]

wherein the identifiers are received from a storage of a server in response to the information processing apparatus receiving information about the message and accessing the server, and

wherein scheduling is automatically performed, in response to an affirmative acceptance of a received message.

Claims 6-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the words or phrases of the first and the second storages are grouped into different categories and then stored in the first and the second storages, respectively.

Claims 11 – 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for message communications that allows an information processing apparatus to send a message about a schedule to a second information processing apparatus through a communications network, wherein the second information processing apparatus is capable of analyzing the message being received and

extracting words or phrases for entering into the schedule managed by a scheduler, said method comprising:

storing a group of first data sets in a storage of the information processing apparatus, wherein the first data set matches the words or phrases to respective identifiers, while the second information processing apparatus stores a group of second data sets corresponding to words or phrases having the same meaning as the words or phrases matching the respective identifiers of the first data sets;

selecting at least one word or phrase from the words or phrases stored in the storage;

extracting a specific identifier corresponding to the selected word or phrase from the first data sets;

transmitting the extracted identifier as the message to the second information processing apparatus, wherein the identifier transmitted from the information processing apparatus is converted to a specific word or phrase on the basis of the second data sets; and

receiving a message from the second information processing apparatus when a user of the second information processing apparatus has affirmatively accepted the schedule corresponding to the transmitted message;

wherein the words or phrases stored in the storage are represented by a first natural language, and the words or phrases stored in the second information processing apparatus are represented by a second natural language that is different from the first natural language, [[and]]

wherein the extracted identifier is stored in a server and sent to the second information processing apparatus in response to the second information processing apparatus receiving information about the message and accessing the server, and

wherein scheduling is automatically performed, in response to an affirmative acceptance of a received message.

14. (Currently amended) A method for message communications that allows an information processing apparatus to receive a message about a schedule from a second information processing apparatus through a communications network, wherein the second information processing apparatus is capable of analyzing the message being received, and extracting words or phrases for entering into the schedule managed by a scheduler, said method comprising:

storing a group of first data sets in a storage of the information processing apparatus, wherein the first data set matches the words or phrases to respective identifiers, while the second information processing apparatus stores a group of second data sets corresponding to words or phrases having the same meaning as the words or phrases matching the respective identifiers of the first data sets;

converting the message in the form of the identifiers transmitted from the second information processing apparatus to the words or phrases on the basis of the first data sets stored in the storage;

entering the converted words or phrases into the schedule; and

returning a message received from the second information processing apparatus back to the second information processing apparatus when the words or phrases are entered into the scheduler, the message return indicating whether a user of the first information processing apparatus has affirmatively accepted the schedule corresponding to the transmitted message;

wherein the words or phrases stored in the storage are represented by a first natural language, and the words or phrases stored in the second information processing apparatus are represented by a second natural language that is different from the first natural language, [[and]]

wherein the identifiers are received from a storage of a server in response to the information processing apparatus receiving information about the message and accessing the server, and

wherein scheduling is automatically performed, in response to an affirmative acceptance of a received message.

15. (Currently amended) A recording medium on which a program is recorded, wherein the program enables a first information processing apparatus to send a message about a schedule to a second information processing apparatus through a communications network and the second information processing apparatus is capable of analyzing the message being received and extracting words or phrases for entering into the schedule managed by a scheduler, said program comprising:

storing a group of first data sets in a storage of the first information processing apparatus, wherein the first data set matches the words or phrases to respective identifiers, while the second information processing apparatus stores a group of second data sets corresponding to words or phrases having the same meaning as the words or phrases matching the respective identifiers of the first data sets;

selecting at least one word or phrase from the words or phrases stored in the storage;

extracting a specific identifier corresponding to the selected word or phrase from the first data sets;

transmitting the extracted identifier as the message to the second information processing apparatus; and

receiving a message from the second information processing apparatus when a user of the second information processing apparatus has affirmatively accepted the schedule corresponding to the transmitted message;

wherein the words or phrases stored in the storage are represented by a first natural language, and the words or phrases stored in the second information processing apparatus are represented by a second natural language that is different from the first natural language, [[and]]

wherein the extracted identifier is stored in a server and sent to the second information processing apparatus in response to the second information processing apparatus receiving information about the message and accessing the server, and

wherein scheduling is automatically performed, in response to an affirmative acceptance of a received message.

16. (Currently amended) A recording medium on which a program is recorded, wherein the program enables a first information processing apparatus to receive a message about a schedule from a second information processing apparatus through a communications network and the second information processing apparatus is capable of analyzing the message being received, and extracting words or phrases for entering into the schedule managed by a scheduler, said program comprising:

storing a group of first data sets in a storage of the first information processing apparatus, wherein the first data set matches the words or phrases to respective identifiers, while the second information processing apparatus stores a group of second data sets corresponding to words or phrases having the same meaning as the words or phrases corresponding to the respective identifiers of the first data sets;

converting the message in the form of the identifiers transmitted from the second information processing apparatus to the words or phrases on the basis of the first data sets stored in the storage;

entering the converted words or phrases into the schedule, and

returning a message received from the second information processing apparatus back to the second information processing apparatus when the words or phrases are entered into the scheduler, the message return indicating whether a user of the first

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information processing apparatus has affirmatively accepted the schedule corresponding to the transmitted message;

wherein the words or phrases stored in the storage are represented by a first natural language, and the words or phrases stored in the second information processing apparatus are represented by a second natural language that is different from the first natural language, [[and]]

wherein the identifiers are received from a storage of a server in response to the information processing apparatus receiving information about the message and accessing the server, and

wherein scheduling is automatically performed, in response to an affirmative acceptance of a received message.

Claims 17-18. (Canceled)